gan the previous campaign by seeking bread for an army which the Republic could no longer feed. I insist, therefore, that together with the ratification of the peace preliminaries you should send me leave to return to France.

30th, Trieste:

The conduct of the Venetians gets each day worse and worse; we are really in a state of war. The Senate has sent me a deputation; I treated it as it deserved. I told them to drive out the English minister; to hand us twenty millions, and all merchandise belonging to the English.

May 3d, Palmanova:

I can see no other course than to obliterate the Venetian name from the earth.

13th, Milan:

Order to General Baraguay d'Hilliers to enter Venice and seize all military positions.

14th. I have just received from the Directoire the ratification of the peace preliminaries.

The citizens of Venice are under the protection **of** the French Republic.

I am organizing the Cisalpine Republic; I have four committees working hard at framing the Constitution.

(To the national guards of the Cisalpine Republic.) Yours is. the task, brave comrades, of consolidating the liberty of your country.

It is the soldier who founds republics, it is the soldier who maintains them. Without armies, without force, without discipline, neither political independence nor civil liberty can exist.